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1. OECD MISSION REQUESTED TO PROVIDE FOLLOWING TO OECD SECRETARIAT AS U.S. SUBMISSION FOR PURPOSES OF THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING (SEE OECD PARIS 10789, PARA. 10) OF THE TCWP: QUOTE THE U.S. IS CONVINCED THAT THE LONG TERM INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES WILL BEST BE SERVED IF AD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REFERENDUM AGREEMENT ON THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF AN INTERNATIONAL CODE IS FIRST ACHIEVED AMONG THE OECD NATIONS.

THE U.S. CONSIDERS THAT BY EARLY 1976, OECD MEMBERS SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO KNOW WHAT IS ACHIEVABLE AS TO THE INGREDIENTS OF SUCH A CODE AMONG OECD MEMBERS. FOR THIS REASON, WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK TOWARD AD REFERENDUM DECISIONS ON ALL OF THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES BEFORE THE TCWP. MOST IMPORTANT AMONG THESE ARE: SURVEILLANCE; DISPUTES SETTLEMENT; NON-DISCRIMINATION; SINGLE TENDERING (TO THE EXTENT THAT SOME COUNTRIES SEEK TO USE IT FOR PURPOSES THAT ARE CLEARLY DEROGATIONS); AND, CONDITIONS FOR AWARDS. AFTER SIX YEARS SPENT IN TRYING TO DEVELOP A PROCUREMENT CODE IN THE OECD, THE U.S. CONSIDERS THAT FAILURE TO RESOLVE OR AT LEAST REACH SOME COMMON GROUND FOR RESOLUTION OF THE PRINCIPAL ISSUES BY THE END OF A SECOND TCWP MEETING LATER IN THE FALL, WOULD HAVE TO LEAD TO A RETHINKING

OF HOW TO HANDLE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT. UNQUOTE

- 2. OTHER ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO CONVEY THE ABOVE TO THE APPROPRIATE POLITICAL LEVEL OF HOST GOVERNMENT AND URGE THAT ALL NECESSARY STEPS BE TAKEN TO INSURE MEANING-FUL INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING.
- 3. FOR USEC. AS A PART OF JUNE 24 DENT-GUNDELACH CONVERSATIONS, GUNDELACH INDICATED NO DIFFICULTIES WITH PRINCIPLE OF U.S. POSITION.
- 4. FOR OTTAWA. KEY CANADIAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN PRO-CUREMENT EFFORT AWARE OF POSSIBILITY OF THIS APPROACH. EXPECT THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE THIS WORD VERY FAVORABLY. KISSINGER

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